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1. On 26 July 1953, the Putlitz Kaserne in Rostock was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and motor transport insignia.

2. On 26 July, the Ullmen Kaserne was occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery, motor transport and tank insignia; and black-bordered crimson epaulets; and by naval personnel.

3. At about 6 p.m. on 29 July, troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were loaded on 8 boxcars; and 7 x 300-mm rocket launchers, [redacted] and [redacted] 2 x 132-mm rocket launchers, [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] were loaded on 45 flatcars with sideracks at the Nordbahnhof in Rathenow. The materiel had come from the Kraft Fahrer Kaserne.<sup>2</sup>

4. At about 5:30 p.m. on 18 July, a train without engine and carrying 7 trucks, [redacted] 4 x 37-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets was observed on a sidetrack of the Fuerstenberg railroad station.<sup>3</sup>

5. At 10 a.m. on 2 August, 2 amphibious vehicles, 1 crane truck, and about 20 pontoons were detrained at the Neuruppin railroad station and hauled toward Genthzrode by trucks [redacted]

6. On 13 July, a train of 3 boxcars occupied by troops and carrying 4 canvas-covered 76-mm AA guns and 4 or 5 trucks [redacted] was unloaded in Velten.<sup>4</sup> At about 11 p.m. on 27 July, a train carrying 2 medium AA guns, and 3 motor vehicles [redacted] and including an undetermined

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number of boxcars occupied by troops was seen at the Velten railroad station. The train was no longer observed at 1 p.m. on 28 July. [ ]<sup>5</sup> On 28 July, 25X1 a shipment of about 5 flatcars carrying materiel, including a 37-mm. AA gun, passed through Velten, proceeding toward north.<sup>6</sup> At about 8 p.m. on 28 July, a column of 4 trucks occupied by a total of about 30 troops [ ]

[ ] was seen en route on the Velten-Gernendorf road. On 2 August, the Oranienburg airfield was vacant. Workers seen engaged in construction work.

25X1X 7. From 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on 31 July, 6 boxcarloads of troops, 5 tanks, 12 to 25X1 14 trucks, 1 jeep, 1 field kitchen and 15 tank trucks were entrained at the Oranienburg freight station. [ ]

25X1 8. On 22 July, a shipment of 34 trucks, [ ]

25X1A and an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, was observed in Wolmirstedt.<sup>7</sup>

25X1 9. At about 3:20 a.m. on 23 July, a train of 3 converted boxcars occupied by 25X1 25X1 troops; 1 boxcar loaded with material; and 14 RO and/or RAY-type flatcars carrying 10 prime movers, including 5 towing gun barrel trailers and 5 towing gun motor carriages of 203-mm howitzers; [ ]

25X1A [ ] and 4 trucks, [ ] was detrained at the Brandenburg-Alstadt railroad station. The 25X1A train had arrived from the direction of Altengrabow under shipment-record [ ]

25X1A 1. [ ] Comment. On 26 July, the bulk of the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig carried in Rostock, apparently was in the two installations mentioned. Another source observed soldiers wearing tank insignia in the Ulmea Kaserne as early as 1 June 1952. However, no tanks have been observed there since the spring of 1953. A new source, on 18 February 1953, observed tanks, SP guns and armored scout cars in the Putlitz Kaserne. As these observations could not be confirmed by information obtained by other sources, they were incorrect as the tank units observed were in this installation only temporarily, possibly in connection with exercises in the Rostock area.

25X1A 2. [ ] Comment. The train which carried elements of the 25th RI Brig and probably went to Altengrabow was observed by another source during the loading.

25X1A 3. [ ] Comment. The train carried elements of the 121st AAA Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div, which returned to Neustrelitz from Jueterbog.

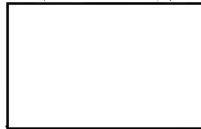
25X1A 4. [ ] Comment. Source probably observed the train [ ] 25X1 which carried elements of the 205th Engg Bn of the 12th Gds Tank Div who, upon completion of the exercises in the Jerichow area, returned to Neuruppin.

25X1A 5. [ ] Comment. The loading and unloading involved elements of the 31st AAA Div. On 18 July, train [ ] arrived in Velten, coming 25X1 from Wustrow; on 27 July, source observed one of the two trains [ ] went to Jueterbog.

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25X1 6. [redacted] Comment. This AAA shipment presumably has not been indicated in reports on transshipment so far.

25X1 7. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] a tank shipment arrived by rail from Radebeul on 31 July. However, therefore, may have been mistaken and possibly took the unloading of the shipment for the loading.

25X1 8. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the motor vehicle numbers would exclusively belong to series of the Third Shock Army.

25X1 9. [redacted] Comment. The unloading of this battery of the 124th Rv How Art Div (SU) was previously reported.

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